

Restricting Trespassing, Loitering and Unauthorized Parking on Private Property

The Lodi City Ordinance contains the following section regarding parking on private property:

Stopping, Standing or Parking Vehicles on posted property. It is unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to stop, stand, park or leave standing such vehicle at any time within or upon any posted property without written permission of the owner, tenant or the occupant in legal possession or control thereof. (ORD. NO.94. Sec. 8)

In order for the property owner, tenant or occupant to enforce this ordinance, the property must be posted in the following manner:

- 1) A board, placard or card not less than 17" X 22" in area and upon which, in letters not less than one inch in height, appear the words:

PRIVATE PARKING
Unauthorized Vehicles Will be Removed
at Vehicle Owner's Expense
C.V.C. - 22658; LMC 9.08.150
LODI POLICE DEPT. Phone 333-6727

or

"Trespassing-Loitering Forbidden by Law"
(and any time limit that may be specified thereon, as to trespassing-loitering)
Ord. 1379 Sec. 1, 1986
Ord. 1337 Sec. 1, 1984

This sign can be modified. The words Customer or Employee Parking Only can be substituted or added. The hours of restriction, if any, must also be posted on the sign.

- 2) Property not exceeding 300 feet in length or width must be posted with signs at each corner of the area and at intervals not exceeding 100 feet. If such property has a definite entrance or entrances, a sign of sufficient size and lettering to be visible from each such entrance, shall be placed in a conspicuous place visible from each such entrance.

- 3) If the property has lineal dimensions exceeding 300 feet, signs must be posted at each corner of the area and at intervals not exceeding 200 feet, and, if such property has a definite entrance or entrances, a sign of sufficient size and lettering to be visible from each such entrance, shall be placed in a conspicuous place visible from each such entrance. If property owners have properly posted their property, they may then enforce the parking restrictions. It is suggested that the property owner attempt to solve any parking problem by first notifying the vehicle owner that he is in violation of the ordinance. If this is not successful, the property owner may then contact the Lodi Police Department and secure their assistance. As a last resort the owner may elect to have the vehicle towed away. The Lodi Police Department should be notified before any vehicle is towed.